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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2002 issued in the above-identified application. Please extend the due date for response for three months from October 31, 2002 to January 31, 2003.

Applicants enclose a Notice of Appeal.